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1. The Egyptian Ministry of Information has asked all diplomatic representatives of Arab countries in Cairo to fill out a questionnaire with an accurate list of all so-called popular organizations and political parties in their respective countries. The ministry proposes to invite these organizations and parties to an "Arab Peoples' Congress."
2. The diplomatic representatives of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Pakistan have declined to answer the questionnaire. Their declination is not a direct refusal, but replies will be delayed so long that it will not be possible to hold the conference at the proposed time.
3. This Egyptian initiative has at bottom the purpose of bringing the Arab League and other African-Arab collective movements under Egyptian leadership.

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